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Dr. J. Lederberg,
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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

You will now be visiting Canberra before your sojourn in Melbourne, and I am writing to discuss with you possible arrangements for the weekends before and after the Symposium and meetings of the Genetics Society.

I understand that you will be driven up to Canberra from Sydney by Dr. P. Rountree on Saturday, 17th August. The drive takes about 6 hours. Frankel and I will arrange for you to meet some of the local people on Saturday night or Sunday; and if you would like to rest on Sunday morning that will be arranged. Monday will be fully occupied with the Symposium on Bacterial and Viral Genetics, and Tuesday and part of Wednesday with meetings of the Genetics Society of Australia.

During the rest of the week we would like to show you the John Curtin School of Medical Research and the work at the biological divisions of C.S.I.R.O., (Plant Industry and Entomology).

If you are interested in seeing the Australian countryside I would strongly recommend that you should pay a visit to the Snowy Mountains Scheme on the Saturday and Sunday, 24th and 25th August; and go down to Melbourne by plane on the Monday. This trip can be made by car from Canberra and will show you the major snow country of Australia, as well as much of the Tableland, sheep and cattle country. A large and complex hydro-electric and water storage scheme is being installed in the Snowy Mountains area; and if we know well in advance that you and your wife would like to see this, we can arrange comfortable accommodation there.

The programme for the Symposium is slightly altered, in that there will be no contribution on genetics of bacteriophage as such. This means that there will be more time in the morning session; and if you would care to give a longer talk ~~then~~ in introducing the subject, that would be very welcome. Instead of the fifteen minutes I originally proposed you might care to speak for forty minutes then; although I think that it would be better if there were no immediate discussion of your paper. All other papers in the morning and afternoon sessions will be on specialized topics and discussion will take place after each.

In the evening I would be glad if you could lead a general discussion on the concepts and hypotheses of the genetics of viruses and bacteria. Burnet and Rendel will also contribute to this discussion. If you are able to give me a summary of about 1000 words describing your first paper, this could be useful for publication in the Australian Journal of Science immediately after the meeting; the evening session will not lend itself to any pre-arranged papers; as it will largely arise from the papers presented during the day.

I look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Lederberg.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank Fenner', written in a cursive style.

Frank Fenner
Professor of Microbiology